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## BUTCHERS 506 DISTRICT COUNCIL BACKS NEW HALL PLANS IN S.J., SALINAS

At its regular meeting last month, the District Council of Butchers Union 506 voted to pledge \$4000 for construction of a new Labor Temple in San Jose and \$1000 toward construction of a new hall for labor in Salinas. Earl A. Moorhead, secretary of Local 506, reports.

Other highlights of the meeting included:

Vote by regular motion that Local 506 dispense with all "banquets, beer busts, barbecues, and all social activities for the year 1947."

Announcement that the initiation fee for all male applicants with exception of miscellaneous help is still \$50.

Decision to increase out-of-work dues to \$2.00, effective May 1, 1947.

Reports of branches:

**Palo Alto**—Bro. "Scotty" Oliver reported conditions good and everything okay in this area.

**San Mateo (Local 516)**—Bro. Ed Michelsen reports wages of \$107.00 per week for managers and \$70 to \$75 for journeymen, tannery dispute settled with 17½¢ per hour increase. He added that no overtime is allowed in San Mateo area.

**Watsonville**—Bro. Carl Lambert declared five markets placed on unfair list as of last Saturday.

**Salinas**—Bro. Robert Shinn reports excellent progress since Business Agent E. L. Courtwright placed in area.

**Hollister & Gilroy**—Bro. Hughes and Jacques reported checking on violations of work hours in the area.

**Monterey**—Bro. Roland Robinson Western Provision Co. has cleared up all back wages, some checks as high as \$363, some new markets opening, some difficulty on 6 p.m. closing.

**Santa Cruz (Local 266)**—Bro. Kaspar Bauer reported on tannery dispute and wage increase of 17½¢ per hour retroactive to December 8, 1947, new machinery in tannery to speed up production has replaced 10 men.

**Egg Workers**—Sister Ruth Burton reported on proposed changes to the contract in current negotiations.

Business Representatives Moorhead, Fred Feci and E. L. Courtwright gave brief reports on their activities.

Those in attendance included delegates from:

**Palo Alto**—A. Oliver, Frank Taylor, Jack Trivette.

**Watsonville**—Carl Lambert, Bill Johns, Garth Treanor.

**Salinas**—Robert Shinn, Clark Bannert, E. L. Courtwright.

**Monterey**—William Boland, Roland Robinson.

**Gilroy & Hollister**—Bros. Hughes and Jacques.

**San Mateo**—Edwin Michelsen, Al Hedricks.

**Santa Cruz**—Kaspar Bauer.

**San Jose**—Roger Erwin, Ruth Burton, Fred Feci, Carl Pimental and Earl Moorhead.

## Andrade, Harris To Attend Temo Confab in South

Peter A. Andrade, secretary, and Albert Harris, president, both of Warehousemen's Union 890 of Salinas, have been delegated to attend the convention of the Western Conference of Teamsters at Santa Barbara May 5-10.

Andrade was named delegate from the Joint Council of Teamsters No. 7 of San Francisco, while Harris was named delegate from Local 890.

## The Business Agent's Dream

A man knocked at the Heavenly Gate.  
His face was scarred and old;  
He stood before the man of fate  
For admission to the fold.  
"What have you done," St. Peter asked,  
"To gain admission here?"  
"I've been a business agent, Sir,  
For many and many a year."  
The pearly gates swung open wide,  
St. Peter touched the bell—  
"Come in and choose your harp,"  
He said,  
"You've had your share of hell."  
—Reprinted by request.

## Waitress III

Dorothy Miller, waitress of Culinary-Bartenders 483 of Monterey, was in a Monterey hospital last week recovering from an appendectomy. She is employed at Watsonville.

## UNIONS JOIN FARMERS IN POWER FIGHT

Coos Bay, Oregon  
Rival unions have joined with farmers and small shopkeepers in support of the northwest's most popular issue, public power.

First banded together in a Joint Progressive Legislative Committee to protest passage of antilabor legislation at Salem, the bay area people are branching out into a campaign for establishment of a Public Utility District which, they say, will do much to develop resources in this city which recently became the world's largest exporter of lumber.

Decision of the committee to push for a PUD coincided with federal announcement that work on the \$180 million McNary dam, twin sister to Bonneville, will begin at Umatilla.

Another issue having the committee's active support is liberalization of state laws covering industrial accidents and jobless insurance benefits.

The committee includes official representation from the Grange and the Eagles Lodge, as well as from fishermen, longshoremen and woodworkers' locals and from brickmasons, carpenters, culinary workers, electrical workers and machinists.

## Garment Union Lends \$100,000 To Dutch Labor

New York City  
The Intl. Ladies Garment Workers Union is lending \$100,000 to the Netherlands Trolley & Railway Workers Union for the purchase of overalls, shoes and other work clothes.

A check for that amount was presented to Netherlands Ambassador Alexander Loudon by ILGWU Pres. David Dubinsky at a Waldorf-Astoria luncheon. Loudon turned the check over to Willy Dorchain, U.S. representative of the Intl. Federation of Transport Workers with which the Dutch union is affiliated. Dorchain will spend the money here and ship his purchases to the Netherlands.

Dubinsky said he hoped the 3-year loan would help relieve the desperate situation of the Dutch workers and added that they need not worry about repaying it in time as "we won't declare war or even appeal to the United Nations."

Humanitarianism was not the sole reason for loan, Dubinsky said, explaining that the IFTW "believes as we do that the World Federation of Trade Unions, as constituted today, is not the solution to the question of world trade union unity."

## Senate Passes Bill To Halt \$6 Billion In Portal Pay Suits

Washington, D. C.  
Over the strenuous objections of administration Democrats and two lone Republicans, the Senate passed the Gwynne bill prohibiting portal-to-portal back pay suits that now total about \$6 billion. The vote was 64 to 24.

Sen. Scott Lucas (D., Ill.), the Democratic whip, predicted that Pres. Truman would veto the measure because of its "many loopholes" endangering the wage-hour act.

As passed by the Senate, the bill outlaws all pending suits for recovery of "walking time" or portal-to-portal pay and bars future suits except those covered by contracts or by industry practice. It also sets up a 2-year statute of limitations for suits it permits.

The two lone GOP members joining the Democrats were Senators George Aiken (R., Vt.) and William Langer (R., N.D.).

## Henry Dias May Run for Council Post

Henry Dias, secretary of Plumbers Union 62 and also connected with the Monterey County Plumbing Company, may become a candidate for election as a city councilman in Monterey, it was disclosed last week.

Dias, prominent in civic affairs, was chairman of last month's legislative forum at Pacific Grove where C. J. Haggerty, state AFL secretary, was speaker.

In the labor field, Dias was prominent as president of the Monterey County Building & Construction Trades Council during construction of Fort Ord and was also business manager of Plumbers.

## New Foreign Policy Dooms Cut in Taxes

By TRAVIS K. HEDRICK  
Washington, D. C.

Awed and shaken by Pres. Truman's demand for \$400 million for Greece and Turkey to check the advance of what he called communism in the near and middle east, American business began assessing the cost and implication of the Truman doctrine.

While there has been no definite spelling out of the outlay that will be called for, opinion is crystalizing here that Truman told only half the full story.

Truman, for instance, failed to reveal where else, and what else would be involved for the nation. He may not know entirely, but certainly knows more than he told.

**OUTLAY OF BILLIONS?**  
Most business observers in Washington feel that the cost will involve billions within the next few years. . . . that the \$400 million is just a down payment or earnest money.

The major consideration in the commercial field is the effect on business. One top executive for a clothing house who had been experiencing a rash of orders for fancy priced men's suits from major department stores, reached Baltimore the day after Truman's talk. He got no orders but a lot of "let's wait and see" argument.

While clothing of that type will be hurt, there will be a good deal of government purchasing of food and other commodities for relief and military purposes abroad.

**BOX-CAR SHORTAGE**  
The shortage in box cars will be increased by the new policy, and steel and copper will become harder to obtain because of the demands for export. Trucks will go to Europe, along with locomotives and other railway equipment.

The whole business may help check the depression forecast for the middle or latter part of 1947. . . . and a war economy, or preparedness measures if advanced by the administration, will increase that trend by increasing employment in aircraft factories and the munitions field.

But with the situation in a state of flux, exact predictions are hard to obtain even in Washington today.

Certainly the tax program has been thrown for a loss by the Truman demands. Congress will go slow in slashing taxes now, and the bi-partisan foreign policy may take a beating because next year is 1948 and a presidential year.

## Elec. Workers Announce Full Pension Setup

Philadelphia, Penn.  
A nation-wide pension plan, first in the construction industry, which will provide old age benefits for more than 150,000 members of the Intl. Bro. of Electrical Workers (AFL) has been announced by the union and Pres. William F. McCarter of the Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware chapter of the Natl. Electrical Contractors' Assn.

A result of two years' collective bargaining, the new plan will provide retirement benefits of \$50 monthly to IBEW members who reach the age of 65 and have been union members for 20 years. The plan has been approved by the commissioner of internal revenue.

Each member of the union will make a specified contribution to the fund and this will be matched dollar for dollar by an employer's contribution equal to 1 per cent of the gross payroll paid by contractors to union members.

## Taft Helps to Kill Minimum Wage Increase

Washington, D. C.  
In a surprise move, the Senate's liberal Democrats proposed raising the minimum wage from 40¢ to 60¢ an hour only to have Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., O.) move to table. Taft won, 57 to 32. When Sen. Wayne Morse (R., Ore.) expressed shock at "only 60¢" Sen. Brien McMahon (D., Conn.) replied: "The gentleman ought to address his prayers to the other side of the aisle." Morse returned: "I never

## UNIONS MUST FIGHT TO STOP 'ANTIS' IN CALIF. LEGISLATURE

(Release from State Federation of Labor)  
San Francisco, Calif.  
Labor will have to fight with all its might if it is to conserve the gains of former years and check adverse legislation now pending before the legislature as the legislative mill begins to grind away.

SB 342 (Hatfield et al)—the "Hot Cargo" measure was heard recently by the Senate Committee on Labor. This bill has been cleverly amended to disguise its true import and make it more palatable to unsuspecting persons. Should this bill receive a "do-pass" from the Committee, labor will have to redouble its efforts to impress upon the state legislators the need of opposing the enactment of this discriminatory measure.

AB 254 and AB 255, Federation bills, have been held over. AB 254, whose companion measure is SB 591, provides that in cases of violation of the 8-hour day, 48-hour week for women workers, the aggrieved person may institute a civil action for liquidated damages to an amount equal to twice the regular rate of pay for each hour or fraction thereof worked beyond the maximum period allowed. Reasonable attorney's fees are also permitted.

AB 619 (Grinsky et al) was amended so that insurance companies will be permitted to get together on rates. While it allegedly proposes to promote competition, it actually would set up group monopolistic agreements. It also would place unusual power in the hands of the insurance commissioners.

SB 1335 (Rich et al), which has been held over by the Committee on Governmental Efficiency, has been amended. The bill now provides that when a state employee suffers an accident on the job resulting in disability or death, the burden of proof that it was industrially caused is placed upon the injured employee or surviving members of the family. In other words, if a state employee were killed on the job, the widow would have to prove that it was industrially caused, since the presumption of industrial causation has been removed.

AB 761 (Maloney), a Federation bill, which would restore women to the protection of the Labor Code by rescinding the War Production Act, was given a "do-pass" by the Committee on Industrial Relations.

The Federation is watching the development of each bill and will report on what is happening in subsequent issues of the News Letter.

AB 292 (McCollister), a Federation Bill, establishing the 40-hour week for state employees, is in the hands of the Ways and Means Committee. It is meeting with keen resistance from administrators, particularly in the Department of Public Works.

**Builders Balk  
At Stoppages;  
Issue Threats**  
San Diego, Calif.  
San Diego building contractors have threatened to stop construction of any more new homes and commercial structures in retaliation against a 3-week work stoppage by AFL plasterers, lathers and hod carriers.

Pres. B. F. Jenkins of the Building Contractors Assn. said: "We won't start any jobs until we are sure of finishing them without interruption."

The AFL workers are seeking a return to the prewar 6-hour day at straight time pay, with overtime thereafter, plus a 25¢ hourly increase. The contractors agreed to the 6-hour day but rejected the increased pay demand.

Denying contractors' assertions that the stoppage has tied up building activity, Sec. K. G. Bitter of the Building Trades Council claimed that more than 40 independent plastering contractors, not members of the association, have signed with the unions and their men are working.

AB 993, AB 994 and AB 995 (Stephenson) received a "do-pass" from the Committee on Civil Service eligibility lists.

AB 116 (Lyons), a Federation bill, was given a "do-pass" by the Committee on Industrial Relations. This bill provides for additional inspectors to enforce scaffolding laws.

## Put the Heat On Congress

Organized labor is letting its representatives in Congress know it is watching their action as well as vote on the following legislation:

**Taft-Ball-Smith  
Anti-Labor Bill  
S. 55**

Modeled on old Case bill, this antilabor omnibus bars the checkoff, limits union rights of supervisory workers and enforces the 60-day cooloff. Write senators to vote against it in any form, along with Ball bills to outlaw union security (S. 105) and national bargaining (S. 133).

**Gwynne  
Wage-Hour  
Amendments  
HR. 2157, S. 70**

Drastically curbing rights of workers to get back pay due them from employers violating the wage-hour act, this bill benefits the worst employers, harms the most defenseless workers. House version passed. Write senators to kill S. 70.

The only bill which would provide rent control at present ceilings for another year. Write Senate banking committee to report it to Senate and to reject all rent-raising bills.

Providing 20% income tax cut, this bill gives millions to the millionaires, pennies to the workers. Write congressmen to raise personal exemptions, put tax burden on high incomes.

**Wagner-Murray  
Rent Control Bill  
S. 528**

**Knutsen Tax Bill  
HR. 1**

## Food for Thought



To emphasize her remarks about skyrocketing food prices, Rep. Helen G. Douglas (D., Calif.), carried this basket of groceries to the floor of the House of Representatives. She warned that rising prices may bring on a catastrophic depression. (Federated Pictures)

## Green Declares War on Tories Fighting Labor

Chicago, Illinois  
A charge that "employers hostile to labor are standing by and letting Congress fight labor for them" was made by AFL Pres. William Green in an address before the convention of the Office Employees Intl. Union (AFL).

Green was in a fighting mood as he predicted that organized labor would "toss out ultra-reactionary congressmen in 1948." He remarked that it "seems that workers in some places must have been indifferent to allow such ultra-reactionary men to be elected to Congress."

The AFL leader pledged full support to New York financial house workers who threaten to strike the N. Y. Curb market. "If the stock exchange wants to go into this fight, the AFL will fight until we win a victory," Green declared. He recalled that the union, demanding a 25 per cent wage increase, had offered to accept arbitration but the employers had refused.

**GIVE TO FIGHT**  
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

**Union Head Shot**

By far the most effective weapon against Communist penetration and infiltration is "merciless public exposure of the men and methods utilized by Communists to gain influence and control over political, civic, social and other organized activities in a community." Such a campaign, Mr. Green declared, would "accomplish more than a thousand criminal penalties directed solely against their formal political activities. The force of the Communist-inspired persuasion withers when brought out into the open. Our unswerving adherence to the freedom of speech and of the press, our ability to expose the true nature of Communism in open discussion and debate, will greatly strengthen the ability of Americans to purge themselves of the false prophets of a phony Utopia."

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Communism can be combated with equal force through a campaign of education. Mr. Green said. The American press, churches, schools, organized labor, citizen groups, all share in responsibility "to bring home forcefully to the average American the advantages and benefits of our private enterprise system and of our free institutions," he pointed out.

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## TEAMSTERS SWAMP CIO IN POLLS ON BREWERIES

AFL Teamsters roundly thumped the CIO Brewery Workers in an NLRB election covering all breweries and a distributing plant in the Los Angeles-San Diego county area last week. The Teamsters got a 78% majority, defeating the CIO 817 to 182.

## Green Opposed to Proposed Ban on Communist Party

Washington, D. C.

Legislation to outlaw the Communist party in the United States would be unconstitutional and would not prove a solution to combatting Red influences in this country, AFL President William Green declared at a public hearing before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

"The American Federation of Labor believes that the objectives sought in these bills cannot be achieved by this type of legislation," Mr. Green said. "It is altogether alien to the spirit and letter of our Constitution to outlaw ideas. The Constitution of the United States holds inviolate the inalienable right of every American to believe what he will and to speak freely what he believes."

**CANT STIFLE BELIEF**  
"Beliefs, be they political or religious, or, as in the case of Communism, a combination of both, may not be outlawed. Freedom of speech or of the press likewise may not be abridged by Congress."

"The very strength of democracy lies in its unswerving adherence to the rights of free speech, free inquiry and free interchange of ideas. Democracy in America is ready to meet and to best any alien doctrine without fear and without cowering."

"The very weakness of communism or any other dictatorship is that it cannot survive the practice of these basic freedoms, that it must rely on the rule of force, and the rule of fear to cowl the people it dominates into submission. To surrender an iota of our basic constitutional freedoms is to detract from the very strength that makes democracy unassailable and to confess of a weakness in the democratic order which does not in reality exist. Totalitarian methods have no place in a democracy. Americans must reject their use, no matter how laudable the ends to which such methods may be put."

**Outlawing Communists would only drive them underground. Communism would be helped, not hindered, by the enactment of laws making Communism illegal.**

Mr. Green recommended creation of a national commission, with bipartisan representation in Congress and with representation from the executive and judiciary branches, as well as from management, labor and agriculture, "to study the internal and external security of our democracy, and to recommend a comprehensive program consistent with the rights of liberties guaranteed by the Constitution."

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## The Labor Editor Speaks

## THE CLOCK TURNS BACK

Action of the Supreme Court in telling the United States government that it has a perfect right to violate its own laws serves to deflate the myth that courts are composed of God-like creatures, unruffled by the winds of controversy. Long ago Peter Finley Dunne's favorite character, Mr. Hennissey, called attention to the fact that Supreme Court decisions are often shaped by the election returns.

For over a hundred years Organized Labor saw its unions smashed and its efforts to improve working conditions nullified by employer appeals to the courts and the police. Finally the Clayton Act was passed in 1914—the first victory in the fight against the injunction. In 1932 the Norris-LaGuardia Act, reaffirming provisions in the Clayton Act and specifically outlawing the use of the injunction, was passed by Congress. Many Supreme Court decisions since that time upheld the act and warned federal courts to cut out the injunction business.

Then came the 1946 election returns, falsely interpreted by both Republican and Democratic reactionaries as a "mandate" to do something about curbing the "labor monopoly." In the first major case involving the use of the injunction, that of the Mine Workers, the Supreme Court upholds it and we have a sort of repetition of the Danbury Hatter case.

Remember, the government did not own the mines. It had nominal control of the mines, but everything else went on as usual, with the private owners getting their profits. *Actually, the federal military and judiciary were drafted to force miners back to work.*

Thus the Supreme Court has revived the injunction era. Because of the oppressive cost of living, hundreds of unions may be forced to strike in the near future in order that their members may keep their heads above water. Does anyone doubt that many of our federal court judges, emboldened by what has happened to the miners, will use the injunction to halt walkouts declared to be "against the public interest"? After all, they again have the precedent of the President, a federal court and the Supreme Court doing to the miners what Cleveland and the courts did to the American Railway Union back in the 1890s.

Incidentally, here is a little study in equality before the law: The Mine Workers were fined \$700,000. The Anaconda Copper Company, which supplied defective communications wire for our troops in combat, was fined just a few thousand dollars.

Something tells us that before Uncle Sam tries to underwrite democracy in Greece and Turkey, he'd better tend to a few things at home!

## WHY SLAVS GET THAT WAY

Some person has said that people in the United States have no idea of what it is to be in the pathway of total war. Consider Poland: 6,028,000 persons, or 22 per cent of the population, was murdered off by the Germans. If the United States had suffered proportionately, thirty million of our people would have been killed in combat, starved to death, bombed to death, tortured to death, or simply "liquidated" as undesirables.

Poland's war loss (in prewar dollars) was, roughly, 50 billion dollars, or about 38 per cent of her total prewar national wealth. If the United States had suffered proportionately, 38 per cent of our property, factories, railroads, buildings, schools, hospitals, clinics, dwellings, granaries, mines and livestock would have been looted or destroyed.

All this happened, too (on an almost equal scale) to the Baltic states, the Ukraine, White Russia and Yugoslavia. Do you wonder that the Slav peoples have decided to stick together, come hell or high water?

## THAT SHAKY "SECRET"

In the March issue of *United Nations World* the great French scientist, Joliot-Curie, talks about the development of atomic energy. At the end of the article he explains how an atomic bomb is made and what sets it off. Of course, the "know-how" of developing U-235 and polonium in sufficient quantities, or assembling the components in such a way as to produce the chain reaction required—all this is a matter of money, men and patience. The point is that *right now* there are scientists in every major country who know the theory of A-bomb construction, and for us to think that we are going to keep the "secret" indefinitely is downright silly.

## JUST WHAT IS DEMOCRACY?

Question for Senator Ball and his ilk: If a majority of workers in a plant vote for a certain union to represent them, and that majority also votes that all other employees must belong to the union—is that any more "tyrannical" than for a majority of citizens to vote a bond issue and force the minority who voted against it to help pay for it? Or, in your opinion, does democracy mean rule by the minority?

## GIGGLES AND GROANS

## A REAL BARGAIN

And then there's the one about the man who hurried up to the counter, laid down five pennies and demanded a can opener. The clerk handed him a nickel, and he went on his way, happily.

## IMPEDIMENTS ELIMINATED

The bachelor was speaking to his butler: "Jarvis, why didn't you put out my gloves for me tonight?"  
"But, sir, you said you were calling on a young lady and I thought you'd feel better without them."

## RECIPE FOR ROAST

"Suppose you came home and found your wife's head in the oven with all the gas jets burning, what would you do?"  
"Baste her every fifteen minutes."

## REALLY HANDICAPPED

"Please, please, Bill, use both hands," the gal screamed to the boy who was driving along a curved road with one hand on the wheel and the other on the girl's shoulder.

"Gosh, Toots," replied Bill, "I wish I could, only I've got to steer with one."

## AIMED TO PLEASE

A young lady went into a drug store.

"Have you any Lifebuoy?" she asked.  
"Set the pace, lady," said the young drug clerk. "Set the pace."

## HAD A RABBIT'S FOOT

"Of course, you know my husband is a private detective."

"Yes, so I heard. Has he found any strange men hiding in closets yet?"

"No. I've been pretty lucky so far."

## COLOSSAL ANTI-CLIMAX

"Can you drive with one hand?" she asked.

"Certainly," he said with a thrill running through him.

"Then have an apple," she said as she gave him one.

## IT'S A HOT LIFE

All the workmen in the long line of men digging the new subway pushed their wheelbarrows filled with dirt as they wheeled them away. All except one. He alone pulled his.

"Why," asked a sidewalk superintendent of the gang foreman, "does that man pull and not push his barrow? Is he a Communist or something?"

"Oh, no," was the reply. "It's just that he hates the sight of the damned thing."

## TECHNIQUE DE LUXE

Fred Higgenstoun, accompanied by a beautiful blonde, entered a big fur store one Friday. "We want to look at a mink coat," he said. The \$3000 model pleased her, but not him. Finally the saleswoman brought out the \$25,000 model. "We'll take it," Fred said immediately. "Here's my check. Have her initials embroidered in the lining, and we'll call it next Tuesday. That will give you time to make sure my check's okay."

On Tuesday the couple came in for the coat. The saleswoman apologetically told Fred the credit manager wanted to see him. He left the blonde and went up to the office. Before the credit man could say anything, Fred asked: "Did you call up my bank? Did they say my family had millions but that I was the black sheep and my limit was \$500 a month?"  
"Why—yes—a. But..."  
"Good!" said Fred. "And thanks for a very pleasant week-end."

## FOR UTILITY ONLY

FIRST GUY: "You say that gorgeous Wava is your best girl?"  
SECOND GUY: "Now... just neck's best."

## DULL INTERLUDE

"Have a good time at the dentist's office?"  
"No. I was bored to tears."

## TAKING NO CHANCES

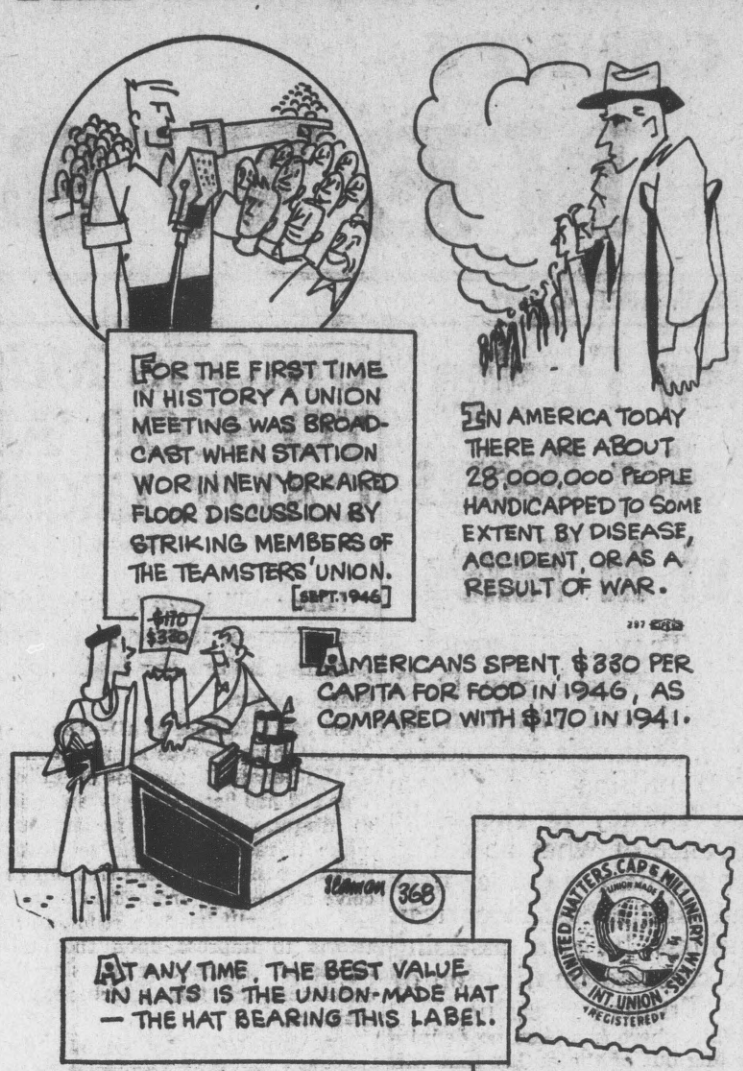
A man wandering in a department store squeezed one doll and it cried, "Mama!" Later he squeezed another one. It screamed, "Manager!"

## Teamsters Win Good Hike for Dairy Men

Kansas City, Mo. Dairy employees were granted substantial weekly wage increases by an arbitrator after a dispute between their union, the Intl. Bro. of Teamsters, and milk distributors had almost resulted in a strike. Arbitrator Lyle L. Flogei granted increases of \$5.72 to \$7.80 a week, with most workers getting a \$6.24 boost. Under the new contract the minimum weekly wage for inside workers is \$49.40. Those working on any shift or part of a shift between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. will receive an additional 5c an hour for the entire shift.

Milk distributors had offered a \$4.16 increase, while the union had demanded \$8.24. Although the distributors threatened to raise the price of milk because of the wage increases, union officials said profits were sufficient to absorb the increases.

## THE MARCH OF LABOR



LAND OF THE DACOTAHs, by Bruce Nelson. Published by The University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis, Minn. Price \$3.75. This salty narrative of the Upper Missouri Valley, from the days of the old French explorers to the present, is one of the most satisfying books I have read in a long time. It has everything—injuns, history, man battling the elements and terrain, conquest of the rivers for navigation, broad humor, legend, the rise of the railroad empire, tales of heroism and scalawagery, and some choice bits of de-bunking of some favorite American myths. It's all there—the betrayal of the Indians by the ruthless white man, the Indians striking back, desperately but futilely, against the tide of empire; the insane slaughter of the buffalo; the cattle era and the rule of the six-shooter; the copper and gold rushes at Butte and Homestead.

Then there is the thrilling story of the revolt of the farmers in the Dakota country against grafters and exploiters and how the Non-partisan League and A. C. Townley precipitated a rural revolution (or so it seemed to the beneficiaries of Privilege). A final chapter brings up to date the proposal to create the Missouri Valley Authority and what such a development can mean to the states concerned.

A lot of folks still think that all the trouble between Indian and White was due to the viciousness of the Indian. Mr. Nelson punctures this quite neatly. For one thing he shows conclusively that the basis of many a modern American fortune was wangling precious furs out of the tribesmen after saturating them with cheap rotgut. The Sioux and other tribes were lied to, double-crossed, insulted, exploited, and in many instances, treated as Hitler treated the minorities that were in his way.

I liked the down to earth treatment of some colorful (and malodorous) characters that modern novels and movies have glorified into heroes and saints. Wild Bill Hickok was a crook, as well as a law enforcement officer, with the "take" determining which side he would be on for the moment. Calamity Jane didn't do one-tenth of the things she later bragged about and harlotry was a normal part of her existence.

Anyway, you're in for some swell reading when you get your copy of "Land of the Dakotahs." California residents who came originally from the states in the Upper Missouri Valley have a treat in store for them.

## —AL SESSIONS

## WAR OR PEACE WITH RUSSIA

By Earl Browder. Published by A. R. Wyn, Inc., 23 West 47th Street, New York 19, N. Y. Price \$2.50.

Earl Browder was kicked out of the Communist Party shortly after the end of the war for insisting that the Roosevelt policies which brought about American-Russian military co-operation should be continued in peace time. The viewpoints in this book reflect his own only—not a "line." But, in view of the growing crisis in Russian-American relations, it is timely and provocative.

The thesis of Mr. Browder's study is that practically all the misunderstanding between the U. S. and the Soviets is the result of reversal of the Roosevelt program. This has also been the core of Henry Wallace's disagreement with the administration. Both claim that we have taken the Churchillian, instead of the Roosevelt, road.

Although written in the summer and fall of last year, the book asks a startlingly prophetic question: "Is the puppet Royalist government of Greece really to become the symbol of American world policy?" Of course, we're right in the middle of the answer to that one and there is prospect of our "Monroe Doctrine" being applied to the round globe itself.

Mr. Browder, admitting his background and sympathy for the Soviets, says that his only concern is peace and friendly relations between the two countries. His book, however, lays most of the blame for the deterioration of relations at the doorstep of the United States. You probably won't agree with him, but in "War Or Peace With Russia" you will find one of the ablest statements from that point of view.

## —AL SESSIONS

## Popular Releases

Current releases of Popular Library 25-cent books include two that should find ready response from the public. One is "Mesquite Jenkins, Tumbleweed," by Clarence E. Mulford, creator of the ever-popular Hopalong Cassidy. The other is a gripping story of the Canadian Northwest—"The Phantom Canoe," by William Byron Mowery. Popular Library announces that its 25-cent edition of "Duel in the Sun" is selling so fast that the presses can't keep up with the demand. First 500,000 went fast, then another batch of 300,000 was gobbled up in a few weeks. A third large printing is under way.—A.E.S.

## New Legislation Seeks to Arrest Growth of Trusts

Washington, D. C. The Federal Trade Commission was back before Congress seeking power to check the growth of monopoly as House Judiciary subcommittee hearings opened on H.R. 515. The measure, introduced by Rep. Estes Kefauver (D., Tenn.) would give the FTC power to order dissolution of corporation mergers which tended toward monopoly, and parallels H.R. 5535 passed unanimously by the House Judiciary committee last year but bottled up by the rules committee.

Aimed primarily at big business, the bill would permit mergers where the assets of the corporation to be acquired are less than \$100,000 and if the combined assets of both firms in the deal are under \$5 million. A detailed report to Congress by FTC Mar. 10 showed the tremendous growth of monopoly through merger and buying-out of small companies since 1940.

FTC has recommended annually since 1927 that Congress halt monopoly-trend business mergers by plugging the loophole in the Clayton antitrust law allowing one firm to buy another's physical assets, such as plant and supplies, but not its stock alone. Kefauver's bill is aimed simply at plugging this loophole in the Clayton Act.

A companion measure has been introduced in the Senate by Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.) along with a stronger bill which would require mergers to get prior clearance from FTC before taking effect. Kefauver introduced such a bill in the 79th Congress, but rules committee opposition forced him to change it in favor of H.R. 5535.

## Soft Head, Hard Hat

Twinkle, twinkle little star, Up above my head you are, I forgot my safety hat, This humble verse no prophet.



"Tell me, Luther," said Mr. Dilworth, "has your geography teacher ever happened to mention whether the Greeks or Turks wear diapers? And I don't mean the Albanians."

"Not the big ones, anyway," Luther replied. "But how come you're so deeply interested in the cultural life of the mid-east all of a sudden?"

"Just wondering, son, if I could cut myself and the Dilworth Dimity Diaper Works in on this \$400,000,000 of supplies and assistance Uncle Sam is going to pass out. Might as well help home industry make a little profit while we're helping out the world, you know."

"You might sell your diapers as rifle ramrod cleaners and get somewhere," Little Luther suggested.

"Splendid idea!" exclaimed Mr. Dilworth.

"Or you might peddle them as crying towels to the radio commentators who are weeping about the troubles of King George. But how come you and your diapers have to get mixed up in this business? Millions of American babies are still crying for diapers."

"Let 'em eat cake!" snapped Mr. Dilworth.

"That's in another department," Little Luther said.

"I've got to do something," said Mr. Dilworth. "Sales dropped off 17 per cent last year."

"I thought you said profits were up 37 per cent in 1946."

"What have profits got to do with sales, Luther? Can't you ever get it through your head how industry operates?" Of course profits were up 37 per cent. That's why sales dropped. That's why I've got to find new markets. Or we'll have a depression in diapers."

"Did it ever occur to you," asked Little Luther, "to cut the price of diapers, boost sales, and make profits that way?"

"That, my son, is subversive thinking. That's the kind of thing that obliges me to make more profits so I can fight against it. Do I make myself clear?"

"Better watch yourself," said Little Luther.

"Why, what's wrong?" inquired Mr. Dilworth.

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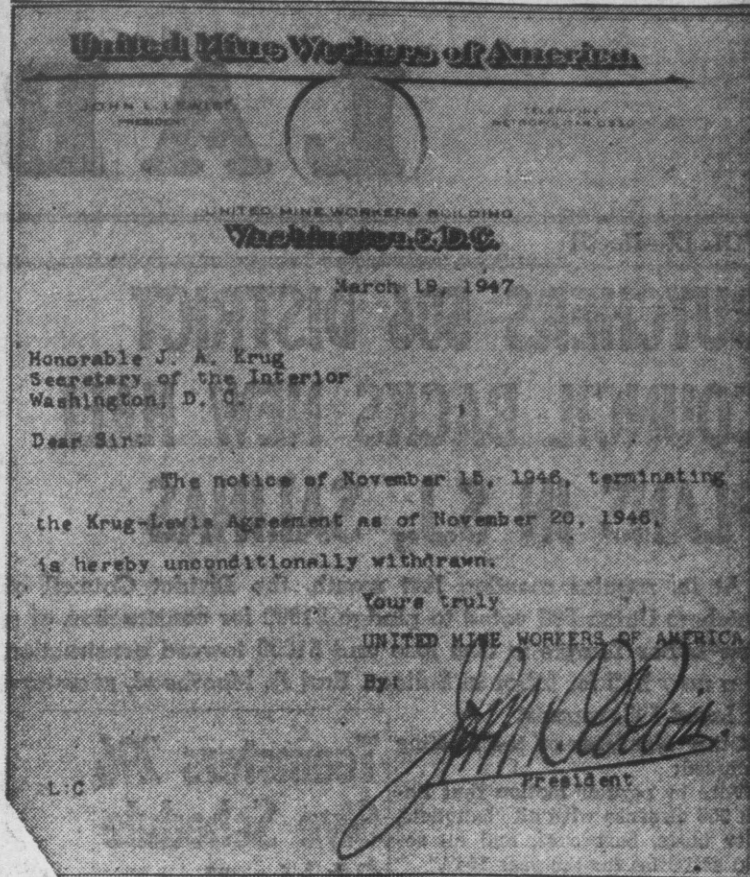
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## 'Notice of Withdrawal'



This is a copy of the letter sent by Pres. John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers (AFL) to Sec. of Interior Julius A. Krug "unconditionally" withdrawing his contract termination of November 15, 1946. The Supreme Court's recent decision forced Lewis to take such action. (Federated Pictures)

## IT'S A LIE!

By MARTY SOLOW

Maybe those guys who write for the big-money press don't buy in the grocery stores we do. Toward the end of February Burton Heath, NEA Service staff correspondent, wrote that food prices are "down already and other prices (are) apparently hitting or passing their peaks."

That is a LIE! On March 5 Dun & Bradstreet (whose statistics are used by big business) announced that food prices and basic commodities (including foodstuffs, grains, metals, leather, rubber, hides, cotton, rayon, wool) were at new ALL-TIME HIGHS! A week earlier Labor and Commerce Dept. spokesmen predicted prices would continue to rise.

All Heath was trying to do—and don't forget his boss is anti-labor press-lord Roy Howard—was spike labor's demands for wage increases by issuing phony propaganda on prices.

Hey, bub! What are you paying for a dozen eggs?

## SUGAR-COATING MONOPOLY

NAM's claspheet, Industrial Press Service, which it distributes free to hundreds of U.S. papers, has been trying to sugar-coat the development by blaming the decline of small business on "crippling restrictions" imposed by the government. Our memory must fail us. We remember no NAM protest during the war when 79 per cent of the new factories built with government funds and turned over for private operation were run by 250 of the largest corporations. Nor was there NAM protest against the fact that only 68 corporations received two-thirds of the value of Federal research and development contracts, while the top 10 corporations received nearly two-fifths of the total.

But we'll bet that's not what the NAM is kicking about now, either.

## TIME BABBLER ON

The March 3 issue of Time magazine, talking about Sen. Joseph H. Ball, champ congressional labor brawler, said: "He saw a growing labor monopoly driving employers to even greater concentration of power..."

"Are the American people going to be asked to aid a Greek government which allows its shipowners to evade the payment of taxes and which makes no demands for financial support on a group of its citizens who are reaping huge profits?" Haddock asked.

## Help to Greece Shipowners Hit By Union Chief

Washington, D. C.

Among other things, an American loan to King George's Greek government would subsidize runaway Greek shipowners evading taxation and seeking to depress safety at sea and maritime labor standards. Sec. Hoyt Haddock of the Maritime Committee wrote the House foreign affairs committee.

Haddock said the Greek government is allowing its merchant shipowners to escape paying taxes by transferring their vessels to Panamanian and Honduran flags while begging a loan from the U.S.A. The Greek merchant fleet, he wrote, is historically a sizable part of that country's economy, "yet the Greek government permits the shipowners to evade substantial tax responsibilities."



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## Laws Against Monopoly Are Called Futile

Washington, D. C. The recent growth of industrial monopoly has proved that the Sherman Anti-Trust Act of 1890 and the Clayton Act of 1914 are not sufficient protection against growing economic and political domination of the nation from giant trusts, the House Judiciary subcommittee was told recently when considering H.R. 515. Introduced by Rep. Estes Kefauver (D., Tenn.), the bill would amend the Clayton act to block merger of companies through buying out of assets. Kefauver and Federal Trade Commissioner R. E. Freer detailed reasons for its passage.

**FTC LACKS POWER**  
Freer offered "as a typical and current instance of the futility of any further attempt" to enforce the anti-merger section of the Clayton act, the consolidated Grocers Corp. This firm in 1945 became the largest in the country with assets of \$20 million and annual sales of \$100 million. FTC tried to halt CGC's taking over the stock of smaller firms as a violation of the Clayton law, but found itself powerless when the trust bought out the properties of the smaller outfits.

"There being no effective way to which stock acquired could be divested, even though it were later held to have been unlawfully acquired," Freer said, "the FTC had no alternative to dismissing the case, which it did in February, 1947."

**SHERMAN ACT FLAWY**  
"Thus the brave start, under the Clayton act, toward preventing monopoly in its incipency has ended in complete frustration. At the same time the Sherman act has been so construed that it seldom has served to unscramble corporate mergers, no matter how great the size and power of the acquiring or of the consolidated corporation. In the International Harvester case, the U.S. Supreme Court did not think such a corporation, constituting from 64 to 85 per cent of an industry, was an unlawful monopoly."

Arguing for his bill, Kefauver said the control of American business "is steadily being transferred from local communities to a few large cities in which central managers decide the policies and the fate of the far-flung empires they control. Millions of people depend helplessly on their judgment."

## Charge Coca-Cola Chief Discharged Employees for Union Activities

Indianapolis, Indiana A criminal affidavit has been filed here charging Pres. James Yunker of the Coca-Cola Co. with discharging men for union activities.

The unusual action, based on a rarely-used 1893 Indiana law which made it a misdemeanor to discharge an employee for union activity, was filed by Atty. Andrew Jacobs for the Intl. Bro. of Teamsters. The teamsters, who have been on strike against the Coca-Cola Co., charge Yunker fired 16 men because they joined the union.

Jacobs was compelled to file the affidavit himself after Prosecutor Judson Stark failed to take official action on the document although it lay on his desk for two weeks. Filed with municipal court, the affidavit still requires signature by the prosecutor or a deputy.

Hall Cochran, deputy prosecutor in charge of labor matters, said he had examined the affidavit and had forwarded the file to Stark with a recommendation that the affidavit be accepted for prosecution.

Picketing of the Coca-Cola plant has halted construction of a \$1 million addition to the plant because AFL building trades workers have observed the lines.

The company also has brought a damage suit against the United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers, alleging that the union intimidated the management of the P. R. Mallory Co. into suspending the Coca-Cola dispensing system at its plant. The Mallory Co. denied that it was intimidated.

## Science Marches On

A patient came to a field hospital with the complaint that he was unable to sleep at night. The doctor's advice was for the soldier to eat something before going to bed. "But, doctor," the patient reminded him, "two months ago you told me never to eat anything before going to bed."

## With Local 890 FRUIT & PRODUCE DRIVERS, WAREHOUSEMEN AND EMPLOYEES UNION

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ATTENTION all produce drivers and drivers of mechanical loaders, bugs, and silver kings are urged to attend a special meeting for this group to act on their 1947 working agreement. Your Union representatives have been in negotiations with the Grower-Shippers since December, 1946. It is important that every driver be present at this meeting; decisive action may be taken in regards to the new agreement. Only members in good standing will be admitted to this meeting, the place, Women's Civic Club, next to the Police Department on Lincoln Street; the date, April 7th at 8 p.m.

**SALINAS ICE INDUSTRY**  
On Wednesday, March 26, the contract involving the Salinas Ice Industry made up of the Shippers' Development, Monterey Ice and Development, Grocers Ice and Development, Salinas Valley Ice and Union Ice were signed; effective date of this agreement being March 1, 1947 to March 1, 1948. All classifications received an increase of 15 cents per hour across the board. A new classification was added: Female Platform Clerks, and the minimum wage for this classification is \$1.00 per hour. The eight-hour day and 40-hour week applies, as well as paid vacations, one week after one year's employment, and two weeks after two years' employment. Eligibility for vacations requires 1,600 straight and overtime hours of employment within a 12-month period. In addition to that the following holidays were written into the contract for the first time: New Year's Day, Washington's Birthday, Decoration Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. In the event a holiday falls within the work-week and the employee is required to work, then overtime shall start after 32 hours, this applying to the 40-hour week only.

Copies of the agreement will be posted immediately in all plants. It is important that members employed in the ice industry familiarize themselves with the general provisions of the agreement. **RAITER CANNERY AND WATSONVILLE CANNERY**

These two canneries have started a small spinach run so the union has been informed. Members employed in these canneries should watch this paper for results of negotiations now taking place throughout the state. These negotiations will have some bearing on the present negotiations here. As you recall, we have asked for a 25 per cent increase throughout the state.

**C. B. GENTRY CO., GILROY**  
Several meetings have been held with representatives of this firm and another meeting is scheduled for the early part of April. The company has indicated to the union that this plant may start processing onions some time during July. Your union will keep members informed of any progress made in our negotiations.

In answer to the many, many inquiries made by members of our union with respect to future employment at the Spiegl Foods plant, the union is in the dark as much as ever. There is very little indication that this plant will start operations on a large scale in the near future. The company is instructed to inform all of the people who were formerly employed at this plant by mail in the event they start operating; this to be done in the order of seniority in accordance with the terms of our agreement.

**SAM REGAS & SONS, SAN JUAN**  
A meeting was held recently at the Casa Maria in San Juan and this meeting was well attended. The purpose for which the meeting was called was to discuss certain conditions, such as rest periods before overtime commences, as well as discussions on other matters of concern to the members employed at this plant.

The members were informed as to their duties and their obligations under the terms of the present working agreement; certain actions were taken with regard to proposals affecting overtime work. Since that time and because of the understanding between the company and the members of our union more harmonious relations exist. Please cooperate with Rae Selranek, your stewardess.

**TO ALL OUR READERS IN ALL AREAS:**  
Your union will continue to remind you that all members in good standing with this union will be eligible for insurance. That a Group Life Insurance has been taken out with the West Coast Life Insurance Company; this insurance affording all of our members in good standing a maximum of \$1,000 for loss of limb or sight. It also affords our members a paid up life insurance policy in the event of total or permanent disability. This master policy has been in effect since March 15. In a short time individual policies will be mailed or presented to the members when they call at the office of the union. In the meanwhile, white cards are being presented to many of our members either at the office or through shop stewards, and this card con-

## WILL FIGHT COURT STAND ON UNION FOR CITY WORKER

Los Angeles, Calif. AFL lawyers here are planning to fight up to the U. S. supreme court, if necessary, a district court's ruling that public employees cannot belong to unions.

The unanimous 3-judge decision upheld a regulation adopted by the Los Angeles board of police commissioners last year forbidding policemen to join labor organizations. Original suit was brought by Angel M. Perez, one of 800 police force members of Local 665, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

Representing the union were a battery of lawyers headed by chief AFL counsel Joseph A. Padway. They argued that the board's ruling, giving the policemen 30 days to quit the union, violated the "equal protection of the law" and "class legislation" provisions of the federal and state constitutions, abridged rights of free speech and assembly and petition for grievances.

While union counsel argued that membership in a labor organization no more interfered with impartial performance than did membership in a fraternal or religious organization, main line of the court decision was that public servants could not belong to unions because they owed their allegiance entirely to the people.

## Just Democratic

"Thank you so much," murmured the fat and ancient woman, as the truck driver got up and gave her his seat in the bus.

"Faget it, lady!"  
As the woman sat down, he added: "Lissen, lady, some guys only get up and give their seats to a dame that's got a pretty, young puss. But it don't make no difference to me."

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**Question:** "What is the due date of my premium on my National Service Life Insurance policy?"  
**Answer:** The date on which a premium is due is the same date in the month as that on which the insurance was originally made effective. This date is on your insurance certificate.

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## 'Get It For You Wholesale' Hit By Commission

Washington, D. C. The "I'll get it for you wholesale" boys may see a warning in a Federal Trade Commission order prohibiting the deceptive use of "discount cards" or other forms of price misrepresentation by the Travellers Luggage Co. of New York.

The concern deals in luggage, golf equipment, fountain pens, wallets and other merchandise and FTC found it had claimed that the "discount cards" given customers permitted them to purchase goods at prices 40 per cent lower than the usual retail price.

"This representation was erroneous and misleading," FTC said. "The fact was that in order to be able to appear to allow a discount of 40 per cent, respondents marked up and increased the prices on their merchandise . . . in such a manner that after the purported discount was allowed, the remaining net prices represented the real retail prices of the merchandise."

He was such a blueblood that if he went to a blood bank they could use his blood either for transfusions or filling their fountain pens.

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## CARPENTER ROUNDUP

Another big project for this area was in the offing this week as the Civilian Production Authority granted permission for a \$60,000 plant to be constructed for the Associated Seed Co. in the Gonzales area, reports Business Agent George R. Harter of Carpenters 829.

Work has been started at the air base on the prefabricated housing project. Materials have been moved to the job and preparation of foundations was begun last weekend. E. N. Carlson is contractor.

A. F. Carlson has assumed the contract for construction of homes in the Bolsa Knolls tract, work formerly done by Bruce Baird under supervision of Walter Anderson.

Anderson, who has been ill, now is supervising reconstruction of the Salinas Rodeo Grounds for the city. There is no contractor on this job, but union workers are being engaged by the city for the renovation work.

At the new prison camp in Soledad, union plumbers have been called by the Monterey County Plumbing Co. for work in connection with construction of a huge new water tank.

Organization of carpenters in the southern portion of the county is progressing well, reports Bro. Harter, and it is hoped that all work in the southern part of the county will be fully union shortly.

## FIRMS AGREE TO CUT OUT FALSE ADS

Washington, D.C. Federal Trade Commission has accepted from American Dietetics Co. of New York, and its ad agency, a stipulation to cease and desist from misrepresentation in connection with advertising and sale of a vitamin preparation called Pantocal. Phoney claims made for the product, says the FTC, include: Prevent gray hair, restore natural hair color, make fingernails less brittle, and slow down freckles and sunburn.

The America Chemical Co. of Birmingham agrees to cut out making extravagant claims for "Hot Foot Residual Spray" and "Hot Foot Insect Spray." Claim that the sprays kill all insects is false, says FTC. The Pennsylvania Engineering Co. of Philadelphia agreed to discontinue advertising that "Aerosec Wonder Insecticide," with one "bomb," will banish fleas, silverfish, ants, roaches, bedbugs and moth larvae from a building as big as the White House. Fantastic and untrue, says FTC.

## Negro Gets in Press Gallery: Universe Goes On Per Usual

Washington, D.C. Jimcrow's rule over the press gallery of the U. S. Congress was broken when the Senate rules committee voted unanimously to admit a Negro reporter, Louis R. Lautier of the Atlanta Daily World and the Negro Newspaper Publishers Assn.

The senators overruled the standing committee of correspondents composed of working newspapermen that had held 4 to 1 that Lautier should not be admitted into the gallery.

Each of the newspapermen denied that there was any color discrimination in their action, maintaining that Lautier did not meet the rules for admission because his chief attention is not given to daily newspaper work.

Another Negro writer, Percival Prattis of Our World magazine, was admitted to the periodical gallery by the unanimous vote of the periodical gallery's standing committee.

So far there has been no move to gain admission for a Negro commentator to the Congressional radio gallery.

## Quarter Million of Vets Exhaust Rights To Job Compensation

Washington, D.C. Almost a quarter million war veterans have exhausted their rights to compensation for unemployment under the GI Bill of Rights, according to the Veterans Administration.

The VA said 218,000 veterans had used up their so-called 52-20 club funds by the end of January. Nearly 59,000 exhaustions took place in January compared to 38,000 in December.

More than 6½ million veterans have drawn at least one week's check, with payments averaging about 15 weeks for the entire group.

In 1790 the Negroes constituted one-fifth of the population of the United States. In 1900 the Negro population was less than one-ninth.

## Opinion Polls Said 'Loaded' Against Labor

Princeton, N. J. Public opinion polls are heavily loaded with an anti-labor bias, a study by a Columbia University professor revealed here. The Gallup poll was found most guilty but in the six other leading polls surveyed it was also concluded that "the odds run strongly against labor."

The study, which appeared in the winter issue of Princeton University's Public Opinion Quarterly, was made by Dr. Arthur Kornhauser, a member of Columbia's Bureau of Applied Research. Under scrutiny besides the Gallup poll were the Elmo Roper Fortune Survey, Opinion Research Corp., Psychological Corp., Natl. Opinion Research Center, the Minnesota Poll and the Iowa Poll.

**NEGATIVE ANGLE** Examining all labor questions asked by the seven opinion samplers from 1940 to 1945, Kornhauser found that of 155 questions, only eight dealt with positive or favorable aspects of unions, 66 were neutral or doubtful and 81 were concerned with union faults, activities the public condemns or proposed restrictions on unions.

Three-fourths of the Gallup questions and one-third of the other polls' questions, Kornhauser said, were guilty of "directing public attention persistently to the negative side of organized labor."

**TYPES OF BIASES** In addition to the choice of subject the Columbia expert discovered "four disturbing types of bias" in the wording of questions. The first type is one which offers a choice between a recognized evil and one particular proposed remedy, "nearly always one opposed by labor." For example, during the war the Gallup poll asked: "Should Congress pass a law forbidding strikes in war industries until the war is over, or should the workers in war industries continue to have the right to go on strike?"

A large majority voted for a law, when actually they were voting against wartime strikes and probably would have been equally favorable to another alternative such as War Labor Board action, Kornhauser pointed out.

Questions on technical and specific points usually get answers based on general sentiments, Kornhauser said, warning that this type usually leads "many persons unfamiliar with the issues to give answers opposed to those of organized labor."

## Where to Fish

**MONO COUNTY** Most roads are open to the 8000 foot level in Mono County, declares the National Automobile Club, and Crowley Lake and Gull Lake are clear of ice with Grant Lake open from the dam to the narrows. Prospects are good for early season fishing but may be short of water before season is over.

**SOLANO ANGLERS** Catfish anglers had better luck last week in Solano County, with several nice catches of very large catfish, although the bass take in the rivers above Rio Vista is average.

**SAN DIEGO LAKES** Fishing at Lake Henshaw, San Diego County, has been good. Cuyamaca Lake is closed to fishing until April 15. Bass fishing at Lower Otay Lake varies from good to poor. Crappie fishing fair at Lake Hodges, with Lakes Barrett and Moreno fair to poor.

**CATFISHING IMPROVES** Catfishing on Willow Creek and Walker Creek, Glen County streams, is said to be improving.

**MODOC SPORT** Catfishermen are reported to be making good catches along the Pit River between Alturas and Likely. Hundreds of fishermen are out for these fish on week-ends.

**LAKE HAVASU INDIFFERENT** Bass fishing is fair at Lake Havasu, San Bernardino County. Fishing on the lake will prove good one day and poor the next.

## Harvey Brown Scores Reilly's Appointment

Washington, D.C. Protesting against the selection of Gerald Reilly as consultant to the Senate labor committee, Pres. Harvey W. Brown of the Intl. Assn. of Machinists (unaffiliated) wired Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., O.) that Reilly's views "coincide substantially with the views of the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers."

Brown said that Reilly's attitude "as expressed before your committee places him in a partial position regarding organized labor and renders him unfit to participate as an impartial assistant to your committee."

Reilly, according to Sen. Joseph H. Ball (R., Minn.) assisted him in preparing several of his bills amending the Wagner act. **THE 'LOADED' QUESTION** Hidden assumptions and oversimplifications in questions also create traps. This question asked by the Psychological Corp. was cited: "Do you think that workers should be forced to stay in a union if they want to resign or get out?" "Naturally the vote is resoundingly against 'forcing' workers to remain in a union against their will," Kornhauser said. "But the question leaves out everything that is important and distinctive about maintenance agreements and becomes a mere caricature of those plans."

## 'GOOD OLD DAYS?'



When auto workers were organizing the Ford Motor Co., back in 1941, this is the kind of reception the workers received. Since then organized labor has expanded so that today 44 million workers are in unions. If the present anti-labor drive succeeds, and the Wagner Act is riddled, such scenes may become commonplace again. (Federated Pictures)

## CALLING 'EM STRAIGHT LITTLE CRYSTAL BALL SAYS CARDS, TIGERS FOR PENNANT

By BILL MAHONEY Come along here and we'll pull down the shades and sit in the darkened room, a faint light glowing from the crystal ball on the table and eerieappings around us. No smoking, please. We'll sit quiet and let the future show itself in the crystal. Here it is springtime and we've got a job to do. We have to find out right now how the baseball races will turn out. . . . Don't move, don't breathe, don't even think. Act like a sports expert.

See it now? It is sunny September, after a muddling rainy summer and a lot of baseball. Two managers have been fired. Attendance is off sharply from the 1946 season. Tempers in Brooklyn are volcanic and throughout Bumdom there are drawn pinched faces and hoarse voices. Down the stretch in the National League the Dodgers and Cardinals are battling it out for the bunting. Leo Durocher, who reformed early in the season, has unzipped the Lip and is tossing five to eight pitchers into every game. But the Cardinals are moving along solidly behind the booming bat of a citizen named Musial, pushing their championship noses steadily in front and due to win by five games.

Nothing astounding about that. That's clear as crystal. **THE AMERICAN LEOP** But what about the American League? There's big news here. It isn't the 1946 champion Red Sox in front. It isn't the Yankees either. The Red Sox are a strong second, the Yankees a slightly battered third. The Browns and Senators are paired behind them, the Indians next, and then the White Sox and the Athletics far back in the dust.

That leaves only one club to be accounted for, the Tigers. And here they are, coming in three games ahead of the Red Sox for the American League pennant!

**TOPS IN PITCHING** They do it on the strength of the best pitching in baseball. Newhouser, Trout, Trucks, Hutchinson, Benton, Overmire and some others. The infield is only a cut above average—Cullenbine on 1st, Mayo on 2nd, Lake at short, good George Kell on 3rd. The outfield is young, fast, hardhitting—Wakefield, Evers and Mullin. The catching, headed by Birdie Tebbets, is real professional.

Behind the Dodgers and Cardinals in the National League, the Braves and Cubs are battling it out for third, and well behind them, panting and weary, the Phillies, Pirates, Giants and Reds, in about that order. **SAYS CARDS CAN'T MISS** The Cardinals? They can't miss, pal. Too many musclemen—Musial, Kurowski, Slaughter, Moore, Schoendienst, Dusk and company. Gargiola is a better catcher this year, Munger is a better pitcher, Pollet is the best lefty in the loop, and there are Brecheen and the others who took up all the marbles last year.

Pull up the blind now and pack away that crystal for another year. I don't need it to tell you about boxing. Joe Louis, that's all.

Isn't it good to know what's going to happen? Oh, yes, about those eerieappings. It's probably the landlord at the door again. He's an obstinate guy about the rent.



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